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Dear County Director of Social Services:

Attention: Adult Protective Services Supervisors and Program Managers

Subject: New and Revised Adult Protective Services Tools

We are pleased to announce that the new and revised Adult Protective Services (APS) tools, which were developed by the Adult Protective Services Task Force and its regional work groups, are now available on our website. The new and revised tools are part of the Task Force's comprehensive approach to strengthening North Carolina's APS program. You can access the tools by going to http://www.dhhs.state.nc.us/aging/adultsvcs/afs_aps_tool.htm

These tools are recommended for use by all APS staff. They were developed to promote best practice in APS and are consistent with current law and policy. You will recall that the tools were field tested by over 50 county DSSs in late 2005. Extensive feedback was received from the field test and evaluated by the APS Task Force for inclusion into the tools. We highly recommend that your agency begin using the tools, if you are not already doing so.

Seven regional training sessions on the new and revised APS tools have been scheduled for late September and early October. The sessions will be conducted by our Adult Programs Representatives. We encourage attendance at these training sessions by both supervisory and APS social work staff. Dates, locations, and contacts are listed in the chart attached to this letter.

Staff planning to attend one of these sessions should contact the APR listed for the session to register. Please register at least one week prior to the training date. Staff should bring copies of the tools with them to the training session.

If you have any questions about the APS tools or the training sessions, please contact the APR listed for the session or the APR assigned to your county.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Suzanne P. Merrill".

Suzanne P. Merrill, Chief
Adult Services Section

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REGIONAL TRAINING SESSIONS FOR APS TOOLS

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	APR CONTACT
September 19 th	9:30 am -12:30pm	Commissioners Meeting Room Henderson Co. DSS Hendersonville, NC	Sam Hubbard 828.684.3248 Sam.Hubbard@ncmail.net
September 22 nd	9:30am-12:30pm	Meeting Room D Cumberland Co. DSS Fayetteville, NC	Laura Cockman 910.949.2319 Laura.Cockman@ncmail.net
September 26 th	9:30am-12:30pm	Continuing Education Campus, Mitchell Community College Statesville, NC	Sam Robertson 828.664.0366 Sam.Robertson@ncmail.net
September 27 th	9:30am-12:30pm	Training Room Stanly County DSS Albemarle, NC	Kathy McDonald 910.488.4061 Kathy.McDonald@ncmail.net
October 3 rd	9:30am-12:30pm	Training Room Person Co. DSS Roxboro, NC	Joyce Massey-Smith 336.591.4205 Joyce.MasseySmith@ncmail.net
October 4 th	12:00pm- 3:00pm	Training Room Onslow County DSS Jacksonville, NC	Rebecca Gray 910.251.2763 Rebecca.Gray@ncmail.net
October 5 th	1:00pm- 4:00pm	Room 14 Martin Community College Williamston, NC	Emily Hale 252.536.4586 Emily.Hale@ncmail.net